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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has recently become a
3 negative growth state, losing more residents than it takes in;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, In 2014, around 94,000 Illinois residents moved
6 out to other U.S. states and other parts of the world; and

7 WHEREAS, There are a variety of reasons for which
8 Illinoisans might want to move elsewhere, including extended
9 family persuasion, economic opportunity, political
10 environment, and preferred climates; and

11 WHEREAS, There are many reasons as to why many Illinois
12 residents remain in the State, notwithstanding family history,
13 economic opportunities, world-class cities, historic sites,
14 and natural sites; and

15 WHEREAS, It is still not certain as to why many Illinois
16 residents are leaving our State; a survey could help Illinois
17 legislators address the issues that are most determinant in
18 influencing Illinois residents to move elsewhere; therefore,
19 be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
2 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the Illinois Department
3 of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to create and distribute a
4 survey for the purposes of identifying the main reasons for
5 which Illinois residents choose to leave our State; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That we urge the Department to make a reasonable
8 attempt to have former Illinois residents fill out this survey
9 so as to understand their decision to move out and to utilize
10 cost-free online survey websites to create an inexpensive
11 survey of this kind; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That we urge the Department to provide survey
13 results to the General Assembly by December 1, 2016; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
16 delivered to Governor Bruce Rauner, Speaker of the House
17 Michael J. Madigan, Senate President John J. Cullerton, and
18 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Director Jim
19 Schultz.